

REMARKS

There are now pending in this application claims 1-10, 15, 16, and 21, of which claims 1, 10, and 16 are independent. Claims 11-14 and 17-20 have been cancelled without prejudice or waiver of their subject matter. No claims have been added.

The abstract was objected to because it was not in the form of a single paragraph. Upon further review, Applicants deemed it appropriate simply to delete the first paragraph. As such, it is respectfully submitted that the objection has been addressed and overcome.

The specification was objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. As the Examiner will appreciate, Applicants have amended the claims to eliminate reference to “oblique motion correction” and replace it with the term -- registration--. This language is utilized throughout the specification, for example, beginning on page 87, to describe the oblique motion correction of the recording medium.

Applicants have also revised the reference to the conveying roller deviated to the recording section in the manner suggested and adopted by the Examiner.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the objections to the claims, as well as the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, should now be withdrawn.

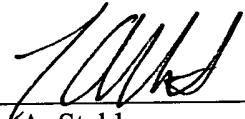
Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner’s indication that claims 14, 15, 20, and 21 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. As the Examiner will appreciate, each of claims 1, 10, and 15 has been amended in a manner to adopt the subject matter of at least claim 14, thus placing each of claims 1, 10, and 16 in condition for allowance.

The remaining claims in the above application are dependent claims which depend either directly or indirectly from one of claims 1, 10, and 16 and are therefore patentable over the art of record for reasons noted above with respect to those claims. In addition, each recite features of the invention still further distinguishing it from the applied art. Favorable consideration thereof is respectfully sought.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application has been placed in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the above application are respectfully sought.

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